1850

GRAND LONDON INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION
OF ALL NATIONS.

MONTREAL, April 24th 1850.

SIR,

On behalf of the Committee named at a Public Meeting held in this City on the 26th ultimo, (see copy of Resolutions annexed), called for the purpose of securing the exhibition of the best products of Canadian skill and industry, at the Grand Exhibition in London, in the early part of the ensuing year, I address you, for the purpose of obtaining information on the following points, viz. :—

1st. Are the inhabitants of your town, or district, disposed to assist in the London Exhibition?

2nd. Is it your opinion, that the suggestion we have ventured to make, in relation to local Fairs, will be carried into effect, in your place, or vicinity?—say sometime during September.

3rd. Will the project of a Grand Provincial Fair, sometime during October, be entertained, and acted upon in your neighbourhood?

4th. Provided the forgoing enquiries may be answered affirmatively; please state what amount of pecuniary contribution can be had from your place, toward defraying the necessary expense, of a Provincial Exhibition, and for the purchase and transmission of suitable specimens for exhibition in London?

As the time fixed for the London Exhibition is so near, (May 1st, 1851), permit me to observe, that whatever shall be resolved upon, should be done without delay.

Should the inhabitants in your vicinity, take no *collective* action in reference to the matters to which I have briefly referred, this Committee will be most happy to receive any contribution of raw produce, or manufactures, which may be sent to them, from any part of the Province, and will deal with such contributions, in the most liberal manner.

Any suggestions which you may make, or which may be made, by any Local Institution, or Committee, either formed, or to be formed, with reference to the objects proposed in this Circular; will be most thankfully received, and will have the most careful consideration on the part of this Committee.

Believing the approaching exhibition in London, to be one of the most favourable opportunities which has ever been afforded, of giving a tangible, and timely exposition of the productions and resources of this hitherto imperfectly known Colony, the results of which must be eminently beneficial in various ways, this Committee are anxious, that all classes, in every part of the Province, should render all the assistance in their power, in such manner as shall seem to them best calculated to accomplish the end proposed.

An acknowledgement of this upon receipt, and a more full and particular reply on or before the 15th of May next, will particularly oblige the Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obdt. servt.

John Leslie
Secretary.

To The Warden of the
Midland District.

N. B.—This Circular will be addressed to the Mayors of incorporated towns and cities, Presiding Magistrates of Municipalities, and other influential persons, and it is requested that where Mechanics Institutes, or other similar bodies exist, a copy of this should be handed to them for their consideration.

MONTREAL, 12th April, 1850.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OF MONTREAL.

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1. *Resolved*,—That inasmuch as it has been determined under the sanction of Her Most Gracious Majesty, that a Grand Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations shall be held in the City of London, in the course of the ensuing year, to which the inhabitants of all countries of the earth are invited to attend, and compete for the prizes that will then be offered; *it is, in the opinion of this meeting, highly desirable*, that immediate steps be taken to have Canada well represented at this great Industrial Congress.

2. *Resolved*,—That in order to secure the best specimens of Canadian Art, and of the natural products of the country, it is, in the opinion of this meeting, desirable that Local Industrial Fairs be held throughout the Province: and that a Fair of that description be held in this City, at such time as shall be hereafter determined.

3. *Resolved*,—That this meeting is of opinion, that the object now sought, viz., the selection of the best specimens of Canadian Skill and Industry, would be more perfectly secured, if a Grand Provincial Exhibition were held, to which may be sent the best articles which shall be exhibited at any previous Local Fairs, and such others as may then be offered for competition—and for which Legislative aid shall be solicited

4. *Resolved*,—That, as it is essential that every encouragement should be afforded to skilful Mechanics and Artizans to induce them to prepare the best specimens of their work for exhibition at the Local Fair in this City; and for which liberal Prizes should be offered: a Subscription List be immediately opened to provide the necessary funds.

5. *Resolved*,—That the following Gentlemen be a Committee to effect the object proposed in the foregoing Resolutions, with power to add to their number, and to organize themselves as they may deem it best for accomplishing the object in view; and that they be instructed to open a Correspondence with Municipal and other Authorities, Societies, and Institutes, inviting co-operation and assistance from all parts of the Province:—

A Committee consisting of upwards of one hundred gentlemen was then named —which at a General Meeting appointed the following:—

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

M. J. Hays, Esq., *Chairman*.
D. Davidson, Esq., *Treasurer*.
John Leeming, Esq., *Secretary*.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Hon. W. Badgley; John Young, Esq.; G. E. Cartier, Esq.; W. Bristow, Esq.

CORRESPONDING COMMITTEE:

Mr. Sheriff Coffin; G. Desbarats, Esq.; W. H. Fleet, Esq.; H. Lyman, Esq.; C. Dunkin, Esq.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

Hon. A. N. Morin; Hon. Judge M'Cord; W. Spiers, Esq.; Hew Ramsay, Esq.; W. E. Logan, Esq.; C. Meakins, Esq.; C. P. Ladd, Esq.; John Ostell, Esq.; Geo. Garth, Esq.; and, the

President of the Board of Trade,
President of the Mechanics' Institute,
President of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society,
President of the County of Montreal Agricultural Society,
President of the Horticultural Society, and,
President of the Natural History Society.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

To the Warden of the
Midland District
Upper Canada